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MEMORIALIZATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: 05/25/2021

Time: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

City Staff: Jesse Moos (JM)

In attendance: Steph Aman (SA), Ellenor Barish (EB), Kerri Connolly (KC), David Guss (DG), Will Mbah (WM) Mary Jo Rossetti (MJR).

Absent: Sara Marx (SM), Robert LaPointe (RL)

Agenda:

Meeting was called to order at 6:04PM

The April minutes were **unanimously approved**.

WM asked for a moment of silence to remember George Floyd who passed a year ago today, moment taken.

New Business

•Reviewing naming opportunities for the SHS

Discussion of naming the new field after Phillip Reavis Sr.

Motion taken to name the new field at the Somerville High School after Philip Reavis Sr. unanimously passed

MJR expressed her support for naming the new field after Reavis but also wanted to remind the MC about possibly naming the field at Healey after Joe Mackey former Ward 4 Alderman. JM discussed this will be an item taken up before the end of the year.





Discussion to name the library in the SHS after David Wendell Jones and Margaret J Jones, unanimously passed

Discussion to name the CTE Wing on the Lower Level of the SHS after Leo Desimone, former educator at the SHS, unanimously passed

MJR and WM left the meeting at 7PM to attend a finance meeting, we no longer had quorum.

A conversation was had about asking the Arts Council to make metal signs to attach to street signs to help honor nominees. Another opportunity is to Partner with the graphic design CTE at the SHS to see if they would make signs.

Old Business

- Reviewing naming opportunities for a street in Assembly Row currently called “Road L” (10 Minutes)

EB, KC and DG spoke more about Squaw Sachem, and the meaning of her name “Lady Chief” or her nickname “Queen of the Mistik” The Committee does want to have more information on the proper way to honor her before selecting an asset to honor her.

American Auto Workers, the original name of the union for the workers at the Ford plant at Assembly Row could also be an option.

Vote will take place at subsequent meeting.

Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next meeting date: July

